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1 IN primis, Whether your Parſon, Vicar or Curate, be lawfully licenſed to preach in writing, according to the Cannons lately eſtabliſhed. And whether is he a maintainer and furtherer of the true and ſincere Religion of Ieſus Chriſt. And whether he be diligent and painefull in preaching and reading of Gods word reuerently, ſaying Seruice, and adminiſtring the holy Sacraments, according to the Booke of Common Prayer, without any alteration thereof. And whether doth he vſe in the celebration of Diuine Seruice, and in the adminiſtration of the holy Sacraments, the ornaments appointed by the lawes now in force.

2 Item, whether haue you a comely Pulpit well placed within your Church, a decent Table on a frame for the holy Communion, with a faire linnen cloth to lay vpon the ſame, and ſome couering of ſilke buckram, or other like, for the cleane keeping thereof. A faire comely Communion cup and couer of ſiluer for the ſame, and a decent large Surpliſſe with ſleeues, one booke of the whole Bible in the largeſt volume in English, a Communion booke, the two Tomes of Homelies, Biſhop Iewels workes in one volume, as they are lately ſet forth and appointed, and all other things neceſſary and appointed to be had by lawfull authority.

3 Item, whether you haue had monethly Sermons, at the leaſt, in your parish Church, and whether are the Homelies

lies read when there is no Sermon.

4 Item, whether any person, not being Deakon, is suffered to say Service in your Church, to administer the holy Sacraments, or burie the dead, and whether doth any take vpon them to preach, or to serue the Cure with you, that doth not once in the yeare, at the least, administer one of the Sacraments, namely, the Sacrament of the Lords Supper, according to the forme of the booke of common Prayer.

5 Item, whether your Parson or Vicar be resident vpon his Benefice, and whether he be an incontinent person, or suspected thereof, or faultie of any other kind of lewdnesse.

6 Item, whether your Parson, Vicar or Curate, haue publickly, or otherwise, spoken against the order or gouernment of the Church of England, or the booke of common Prayer established by Law.

7 Item, whether your Minister do vse to pray for the Kings most Excellent Maiesty, by the title and stile due to his Maiesty, appointed by the Lawes of this Realme, and the booke of Cannons lately established. And do exhort the people to obedience to his Highnesse, and other Magistrates in authority vnder him.

8 Item, whether your Minister doe not openly in the Church Catechize such as be of conuenient age, according to the order set forth in the booke of Common prayer.

9 Item, whether all persons aboue 16. yeares of age, doe repaire to the Church vpon Sondayes and Holidayes, and do receiue the holy Communion thrice, at the least, euery yeere, as by Law they are bound, and who they be that doe not.

10 Item, do you know any that do withhold any stocke of the Church, or haue not made their accounts duely according to the Law, hauing beene Church-wardens.

11 Item, doe you knowe any common Swearer, Drunkard, or Blasphemer, any Symoniacall person, Vsurer, Witch, Coniurer, Soothsayer, Charmer, inquirable by the Ecclesiasticall Lawes, Adulterer, Incestuous person, or any that harboured incontinent persons, or any vehemently suspected of any such crimes.

12 Item, whether any Schoole-maister doth teach with-

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in your Parish without Licence of his Ordinary, vnder his Seale, or no.

13 Item, whether do you know any that obstinately defend Heresies, or false Doctrine.

14 Item, whither do you know in your Parish any man that hath two wiues liuing, or any woman that hath two husbands liuing.

15 Item, whether do you know any person Excommunicated in your Parish, and whither any such person doth repaire to the Church.

16 Item, whether your Church, or Chancell, or Parsonage, or Vicaredge-house be ruinous or decayed, and by whose default, and whither is your Church-yard cleanly kept, and the wals and mowndes of your Church-yard in good and sufficient repaire.

17 Item, whether you know of any that vse conuenticles, or meetings for erpounding of Scriptures, or saying of prayers in priuate houses, or places.

18 Item, whether you know within your parish any receiuers of Iesuits, Seminarie, or Malling Priests, or any other fugetiue, or reconciled to the Church of Rome.

19 Item, whether you know any person within your parish ordered by Law to do Pennance, or Excommunicate for not doing the same, that doth still so continue vnreformed.

20 Item, whether haue you any in your parish married within the degrees of consanguinity, or affinity, forbidden by the Law, or haue bene married without the publicke asking of their Banes there, or being contracted, do liue suspiciously without mariage, or whither any haue quarrelled, or vsed violence in your Church or Church-yeard, or haue receiued any into their houses, to eate, drinke, or play in the time of Sermon, or Diuine Seruice, or haue administred vpon the goods of the dead without authority from the Ordinary.

21 Item, whether the Register booke of Mariages, Christnings, and Burials be made in partchment kept, and other things obserued, according to the Cannons made

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and eſtabliſhed by authority in that behalfe.

22 Item, whether you do know any other matter worthy of preſentment above not expreſſed, yea, or no, which you ſhall likewiſe preſent by vertue of your Othes, with the names and ſurnames of all ſuch as haue in them, or any of them offended, or by common fame ſo thought to haue offended.

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